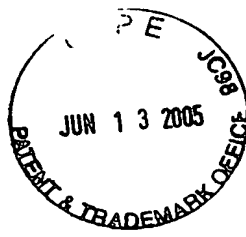


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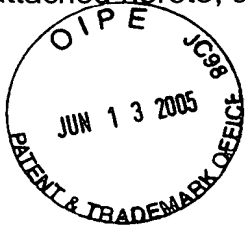
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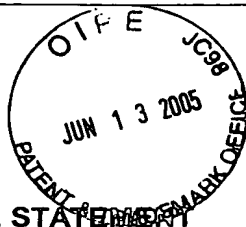
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APPENDIX

Concise Explanation

Relying on the Japanese Office Action, it appears that the Examiner relied upon Figs. 1 and 2 of JP 51-100687, which, like four of the remaining references, show the contact surface between a first electrode and a contact layer being oblique to an optical axis.



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